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JANUARY						
4	Sat	Pine Ridge Conservation Park	John C		DW	
8	Wed	BBQ at Mt Coot-tha	Jan		Soc	
11	Sat	White's Beach, Northern NSW Cancelled—now 29 th Mar	Phil		DW	
14	Tue	Movie Night – “Paddington in Peru”	Terry		Soc	
15	Wed	Norman Creek; Stones Corner to The River	Jon		Stroll	
18	Sat	Ipswich Heritage Walk	Rusty J		DW	
22–31	Wk	South-East Tasmania	Phil Murray		AT	
22	Wed	Gaythorne RSL Dinner – St Vinnies Fundraiser	Jan		Soc	
26	Sun	Westray's Grave	Mark D		DW	
29	Wed	Mt Coot-tha Lookout to Purtell Pk – Iticha Ck	Russ		Stroll	
FEBRUARY						
1	Sat	Ewen Maddock Dam	Sue T		DW	
4	Tue	Movie Night @ Graceville – “Conclave”	Terry		Soc	
5	Wed	Coffee Night @ The Brook Hotel	Andrea T		Soc	
8	Sat	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain		DW	
7–8	Fri–Sat	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain		ON	
10	Mon	50c Train Trip Doomben to Rosewood	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
12	Wed	Wooloowin to Doomben – Rail #31	Greg	0418 155 995	Stroll	S11
17	Mon	AGM & Quarterly Meeting	Michele E	0418 708 638	Meet	
19	Wed	Mt Coot-tha – Geological Stroll #04	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M22
22	Sat	Annual Mass and Lunch	Antonia	0400 571 387	Sprit	
26	Wed	Milton – History Stroll #09	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	S11
27	Thu	Chermside Hills	Barbara	3355 3639	DW	S22
MARCH						
2	Sun	Clean Up Aust Day @ The Gap	Terry	3355 9765	DW	
4–16	12 Days	Fleurieu Peninsula and King Is, South Australia	Paulette	0414 805 512	AT	L34
4	Tue	Pancake Tuesday	Mark D	0420 621 973	Soc	
5	Wed	Mt Gravatt Central to Carindale (Salvin Creek)	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	S21
12	Wed	Lindum to Wynnum Central; Bayside #1	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	S11
15–16	Sat–Sun	Club Hut Feast	Iain	3870 8082	ON	S43
16	Sun	Club Hut DW	Terry	3355 9765	DW	S34
19	Wed	Airport Line – Rail #32	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M11
22	Sat	New Farm to Southbank & Dinner	Barbara	3355 3639	Soc	
26	Wed	Opossum/Woogaroo Creeks (Springfield)	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	M22
27	Thu	Western Approaches to Lamington Pk Name Change	John C	0433 279 771	DW	M66
29	Sat	White's Beach – Northern NSW New Date	Phil	0415 650 160	DW	M54
APRIL						
2	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
5	Sat	Bushrangers Cave to BB DW & SW	Khaleel	0413 314 443	DW	M44
5	Sat	Bushrangers Cave to BB DW & SW	Joe T	0426 469 704	SW	S42
9	Wed	Cross River Rail – Tunnels #01	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
16	Wed	Jindalee/Darra/Oxley – Geologic #05	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
21	Mon	Easter Mon – Pat Lawton	Pat	3366 1956	DW	M33
23	Wed	Darra to Algester – Closing the Circle	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
26	Sat	Eastern Escarpment – Mt Cotton	Sue Walsh	0403 487 737	DW	M33
27	Sun	Country Lunch	Greg	0418 122 995	Soc	
30	Wed	Eagle Junction to Nudgee – Rail #33	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
MAY						
1	Thu	Mt May (Russ 50 th Anniv + 5 in BCBC)	Russ	0427 743 534	DW	L44
1–5	Thu–Mon	Mt Kaputar	Iain	0401 429 085	BC	L34
7	Wed	Coffee Night			Soc	
10	Sat	Camp Mountain to Chermside	Greg	0418 122 995	DW	M34
14	Wed	Sandgate – History Stroll #10	Greg	0418 122 995	Stroll	
15	Thu	Mt Coot-tha	Allan S	0408 758 070	DW	M34
17–19	Fri–Mon	Club Hut Working Bee	Iain	3870 8082	DW	M34
18	Sat	Fort Lytton			Soc	
19	Mon	Quarterly Meeting	Michele	0418 708 638	Meet	
21	Wed	Mt Coot-tha Summit to The Gap Again	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
21–23	Wed–Fri	Nth Rivers Rail Trail – Southern Section	Jan N	0401 030 137	AT	L33
28	Wed	Morningside/Tingalpa – Geologic #06	Greg	3351 4092	Stroll	
29	Thu	Banff Mountain Film Fest Tentative			Movies	
31	Sat	Ipswich Boonah Peaks	Will T	0407 960 619	DW	L44

The Calendar is subject to change without notice.

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

KEY – Walk/Event Types

DW	Day Walk	BC	Base Camp
ON	Over Nighter	CW	City Walk
TW	Through Walk	SOC	Social
TRN	Training	SP	Spiritual Event
FMR	Federation Mountain Rescue	S&T	Safety & Training
Stroll	Stroll	AT	Accommodated Trip

KEY – Walk Gradings – The Grading is for the trip as a whole, not the hardest part

Distance	Terrain	Fitness/Endurance
Short under 10km per day	1 – Smooth reasonably flat path	1 – Basic – Suitable for beginners Up to 4 hours walking Or Flat
	2 – Graded path/track with minor obstacles	2 – Basic – Suitable for beginners. Up to 4 hours walking Or Minor Hills
Medium 10 – 15km per day	3 – Graded track with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	3 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners Up to 5 hours walking And/Or minor hills
	4 – Rough unformed track or open terrain with obstacles such as rock, roots, fallen debris or creek crossings	4 – Intermediate – Suitable for fit beginners Up to 5 hours walking And/Or up to 300m gain/loss
Long 15 – 20km per day	5 – Rough or rocky terrain with small climbs using hands or rock hopping	5 – Moderate – Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 450m gain/loss Agility required
	6 – Steep, rough or rocky terrain with large climbs using hands or rock hopping	6 – Moderate – Up to 6 hours walking And/Or up to 600m gain/loss Agility required
Extra Long over 20km per day	7 – Climb/descend steep rock using hands or footholds. May be some exposure. Good upper body strength	7 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 750m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required
	8 – Climb/descend near vertical rock with exposure. Climbing skills may be required	8 – High – Up to 8 hours walking And/Or up to 1000m gain/loss High fitness Endurance and agility required
	9 – Sustained climbing or descending of vertical or near vertical rock with exposure. Advanced climbing skills required. Good upper body strength	9 – Challenging – Up to 12 hours walking And/Or over 1000m gain/loss Very high fitness Endurance and agility required

Example: M48 is a Medium distance walk 10 to 15km long, over unformed rough ground with obstacles, whereby the walk is hard or strenuous for fit walkers, requiring agility and endurance.

PRAYER

– For the Season of Lent, our time of prayer, fasting and alms-giving –

Loving God, teach us to pray, to sit at your feet and listen, to discern your will.

Teach us to empty ourselves, to remove distractions from our lives and focus again on receiving your love and sharing it with others, through alms-giving and acts of loving service, throughout this Lenten Season – and beyond. Amen.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

February is an important month in the Club year: It's the month to:

- **Make sure you've renewed your Club membership, preferably before AGM.**

Please complete your Renewal form (obtainable from the BCBC website) – and payment - as soon as possible. You theoretically have till 31 March to renew, but it really helps the Club if you renew before the third Monday of February, so that we have a good number of members eligible for voting/confirming nominations at the BCBC Annual General meeting. (Thanks to those who've already renewed.)

- **Attend our AGM and Quarterly General Meeting on Monday 17th February at 7:30pm** to endorse and congratulate the new Committee, to hear about everything planned for this year – and, especially, the next three months – to discuss our Club ethos, to nominate for coming Walks and to enjoy a lovely Supper together.
- **Attend our Annual Mass and Lunch on Saturday 22nd February at 11:30am** (See Coming Event article later in this *Jilalan*.) This is an opportunity to pray together, to ask for a blessing on our Club life for 2025, and to 'break bread together' – both during Mass and afterwards – as 'Companions on the Journey'.

Committee Matters: At our Management Committee Meeting on 3rd February, we discussed:

- Continuing the project of updating our Leader's Notes. This process was begun in December, discussed by the whole Committee in January and now handed over to our Outings Secretary to form a small working group to devise four smaller documents that might be more readily digested, as needed, by members. The four drafts will come back to Committee in March and April and wider consultation with the membership will be incorporated at various stages in the process.
- Considering some options for (a) a possible community grant application and (b) recruitment of new members. Members' ideas on both these topics are welcome.
- Deciding on an acceptable process for a slow year-long review of our Club website, bit by bit, as matters arise from Committee deliberations.
- Checking on progress towards completion of our Annual Report for 2024 – yes, on schedule to go out with February *Jilalan*. Thanks to all those who got their contributions in on time – much appreciated. Thanks to our Vice-President Antonia for pulling it together and our Editor Greg for sorting out all the formatting issues.
- Discussing our Club's possible pilgrimage-type involvement in the Archdiocese of Brisbane's celebration of the worldwide Jubilee Year. Members' ideas welcome!
- Confirming arrangements for (a) our AGM/Elections on Monday 17th February and (b) our Annual Mass and Lunch on Saturday 22nd February.
- Confirming, cancelling or changing the date-of some coming Walks. (See updated calendar inside front cover of this *Jilalan*.)

Michele

NOTICE of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and the 2025 ELECTIONS of BCBC Monday 17th February 2025

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club Inc will be held at **7:30pm on Monday 17th February 2025** in the Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School) at 347 Given Terrace, Paddington ('Rosalie').

All members are invited to attend – and to participate in any voting that may occur. A quorum of 19 members is required for the AGM to proceed.

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM and the 2024 Annual Report will both be sent out to members in early February. If you have any business arising from either of these documents, please e-mail the Club Secretary, Susan Tobin, at the Club e-mail address – briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au so that Committee can become aware of your concerns and present them to the AGM. The actual AGM is not the place to raise new business. There is no "General Business" at an AGM.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Quarterly Meeting will commence, under the authority of the new committee. See Meetings article in the Coming Events section, 17th February.

You can attend, or vote by Proxy if you are unable to attend in person. Proxy Forms will be attached to an e-mail from the Secretary soon. Your completed Proxy Form needs to be in the hands of the Secretary before the start of the AGM.

Susan Tobin, Secretary

BCBC ELECTIONS

January Jilalan contained the election procedure

Nominations closed 10 days prior to AGM – this deadline was Friday 7th February

Nominations for all Committee positions have been received and seconded

ABOUT WALKS

Trips leave from St Brigid's carpark at 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill, unless otherwise advised.

Leaders are asked to print their own *Nomination Forms* and to consult the *Leaders' Guide* on the Club website. <https://bcbc.space/assets/Nomination.pdf>

Leaders Notes are at <https://bcbc.bwq.org.au/assets/leading.pdf>

Pre-Outings: Leaders are to ring Russ, Ph: 0427 743 534, to advise him details of it.

If **changes** are to be made to a walk (date, location, cancellation, etc.) leaders are asked to call the Outings Secretary, Russ, to discuss the situation: Ph: 0427 743 534.

Our Leaders: Our walk leaders only lead walks that are within their ability and experience but are not formally trained or qualified in bushcraft.

Visitors are required to do at least two walks, complete the Application Form and pay the relevant subs before the Committee considers their application for Club membership.

Nominations for walks are needed at least 3 days in advance to allow adequate time to make suitable arrangements such as carpooling.

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY

A 50^c TRAIN TRIP #5

Doomben to Rosewood

The Last One

FUN

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Meet at: Roma Street Station Pl 6

Time: 9:19am Doomben Train; Last carriage

Cost: 50^c GoCard fares – total \$1

Lunch: Royal George Hotel, Rosewood

Web: <https://translink.widen.net/s/zkgszlkmtg/2024-10-21-seq-network-map>

Home: Back at Roma Street Stn at 3:33pm

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Our last Rail Rort trip – the remaining rail line we have not yet abused that we need to travel along.

This journey takes you from the hustle & bustle of the City to the rural lands out west. But first, you have to go east to travel along the only other line we have not railed on – out to Doomben. This is a strange line, though it is suburban, it feels “country” in that it is single track, deep cuttings, through parkland, winds around the place and seems “different.” From appearances, this seemed more important sometime in the past.

Then we get back to the regular rail network, riding to Ipswich, but only to change trains for Rosewood. From here, you are really out in the country for the 20min trip to our lunch destination. We pass through farm land, cross the Bremer River at the famous Sadler's Crossing multi-purpose bridge, pass under the flight path of the Amberley Air Base, travel beside the Wulkuraka Train Stabling Yards, stop in front of the Walloon Saloon, see long coal trains pass beside us, see the wheat as high as an elephant's

eye, black & white Hereford cattle, nice farm sheds, old weather boards Queenslanders, the historic Rising Sin Hotel, and a lot, lot more.

Come along with me on this grand finale of our Train Series of journeys through South-East Q'land.

9:19am – Doomben Train Roma Street Station Platform 6 last carriage.

9:46am – Arrive Doomben Station

9:58am – Depart Doomben Station

10:25am – Arrive Roma Street Station PI 6

10:30am – Depart Roma St Stn PI 8 on Ipswich train

11:26am – Arrive Ipswich Station to get the Rosewood train

11:35am – Depart Ipswich on the Rosewood train

11:56am – Arrive Rosewood. Walk the 350m (5min) to lunch

12 noon – Lunch at the Royal George Pub

1:55pm – Leave lunch for the train station

2:05pm – Depart Rosewood Station for Roma St Stn

3:33pm – Arrive Roma Street Station

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY WOOLOOWIN to DOOMBEN Rail # 31 Stroll

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Meet at: Woolloowin Railway Station

Train: 3.09pm, PI 7, Roma St Station to Woolloowin Station arriving at 3.24pm

Time: 3.30pm

Cost: Free

Grading: S11

Distance: 9km

Duration: 2hr 30min

Location: Woolloowin, Eagle Junction, Clayfield, Ascot & Doomben

Finish: Doomben Railway Station

Return: Doomben trains – 5.58pm, 6.28pm (or, short walk to Racecourse Rd, Ascot will have regular buses)

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995. Bring this Number with you. Bring a torch

This stroll will pick up where we left off from Joe Tottenham's Stroll from Roma Street to Woolloowin (Rail #30) late last year.

This will be a fairly lengthy one for the remaining evening light, but is on footpaths or bike tracks. Go through the pre-and-post-war housing estates and the remnant parks left over by the developers of the 1940's. Stroll past some large, lovely houses, under trees in flower as we move through late summer and enjoy the exercise of this event.

The stroll closely follows the railway line from Woolloowin to Doomben, through a variety of suburban settings. Our path takes us along Adamson Street, by-passing Rose Street and Junction Road before following Railway Parade near the Clayfield Station. Eventually we reach Kitchener Road and Ascot Park (Ava's Park), strolling past Eagle Farm Racecourse and fashionable eateries of Racecourse Rd.

At Nudgee Road, we approach Doomben Racecourse and conclude our journey along Lamington Ave at the Doomben Train Station.

Come with me on this stroll and visit the historic suburbs from Woolloowin to Doomben with their many examples of fine Queenslanders, wide avenues and beautiful gardens.

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY TRAVEL FOR SENIORS A TALK

Speaker: Luke Ballard of Epic Travel Ph: John: 0448 186 115 or jpgoodship@hotmail.com

Time: 10.00am

Where: 11 Mawarra Cres Ferny Hills, opp Ferny Hills mail exchange

On Monday 17th February at 10.00am the Seniors' Committee of the Hills and District Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their first talk for 2025.

This talk is Travel for Seniors given by Luke Ballard, owner/operator of Epic Travel in his newly renovated auditorium at 11 Mawarra Cres Ferny Hills, opposite the Ferny Hills mail exchange.

Luke will talk on all aspects of travel within Australia and overseas and will be happy to answer any questions. Of particular interest will be Luke's introduction to his new initiative - his escorted tours. These tours take the hassle out of travel and of particular interest to singles and couples and certainly to Seniors.

The event includes morning tea and so all can be catered for, prior notice of attendance is welcomed. Please phone John: 0448 186 115 or Carolyn: 0448 328 914 or email: jpgoodship@hotmail.com
This is not a Club event.

**MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
followed by the
QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

Contact: Michele Endicott Ph: 3351 4092 or 0418 708 638

Time: 7:15pm for 7.30pm

**Where: Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School,
347 Given Terrace, Paddington (Rosalie). On GPS – 339 Given Terrace
[https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-
27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu](https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu)**

Parking: In Given Terrace OR in the carpark off Central Ave

Web: <https://bcbc.online/>

We welcome all members – and any interested visitors – to attend and be involved in this important meeting for the success of the Club in 2025. A quorum of 19 members is needed to hold the AGM.

The business conducted will include:

- Receive the Committee's Report on the 2024 year (i.e. the Annual Report)
- Receive the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Assets and Liabilities, for the year 2024
- Receive the Auditor's Report
- Elect the Management Committee for 2025
- Appoint the 2025 Auditor
- Vote-in any Honorary Members.

All persons are welcome to attend, members and visitors alike. Do not be put off because there are two meetings on this one evening. The AGM is usually very brief.

Members should attend this important meeting to enact their right/responsibility to vote in the new Committee – that is, to endorse and congratulate those who are elected unopposed, and to vote for one person to fill a role where there are multiple nominations. Those present will also have the opportunity to nominate and second someone 'from the floor' if there are no nominations received in advance for any position.

The AGM works better if we have more than the usual number of members present – not just a quorum, but even more. If unable to attend, please fill out a Proxy Form and send it to the Secretary, Sue, or give it to someone attending the meeting who can pass it to Sue before the AGM begins. Visitors may not find the AGM so interesting, but will at least see the Club in operation.

As soon as the AGM is completed, the normal February Quarterly General Meeting will commence, under the authority of the new Committee.

At this meeting, some key information on Club matters for 2025 – especially review/update tasks (including Guidelines for Walkers and Leaders) – will be given; feedback on our new Membership Renewal form will be sought, as well as responses to a new digital renewal option; and members' ideas

for promotional/invitational outreach to prospective new members will be discussed. Also, Club events for the coming quarter – both Walks and Socials – will be highlighted. Nomination forms for the coming trips, in February–March at least, will be available; and visitors – members, too, of course – can ask leaders about their coming trips over Supper at the end (about 9pm). I'm looking forward to a really good turn-out – and the sharing of lots of good ideas for our Club. See you then! Michele

TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KATH READ (*nee* Vingoe)**

Time: 11am

Where: St Pius X Catholic Church, 69 Golda Ave, Salisbury

Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=17/-27.557514/153.031380>

Bryan Read warmly invites both current and former members to join him in remembering his late wife, Kath, who passed away on 22nd November.

A memorial Mass will be held at St Pius X Catholic Church at 69 Golda Ave, Salisbury, on Tuesday, 18th February at 11:00am.

After the Mass, there will be an opportunity to share memories of Kath at the Mt Gravatt Hotel, 1315 Logan Rd Mt Gravatt commencing at 12:30pm.

Kath was a dedicated and valued member of our Club in its early days including being President. Please feel free to share this invitation with any former members who may like to attend.

WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY **M^t COOT-THA GEOLOGICAL #4** **STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995

Time: 2:26pm at Bardon

Meet at: Simpsons Rd at Bowman Park, Bardon; Stop 20, cnr Morgan Terrace

Cost: Free

Bus: Bus 375 “Bardon” – 2:06pm Adelaide St Stop 42 near Albert St, outside Brisbane Arcade

Car Shuffle: Will be needed. Please let me know if you can help

Grade: M22

Distance: 11km (close to 4hr) from a lowth of 49m to a height of 272m

Height Gain: Total Ups added together: 374m – All the Downs: 209m

End: Mt Coot-tha Lookout

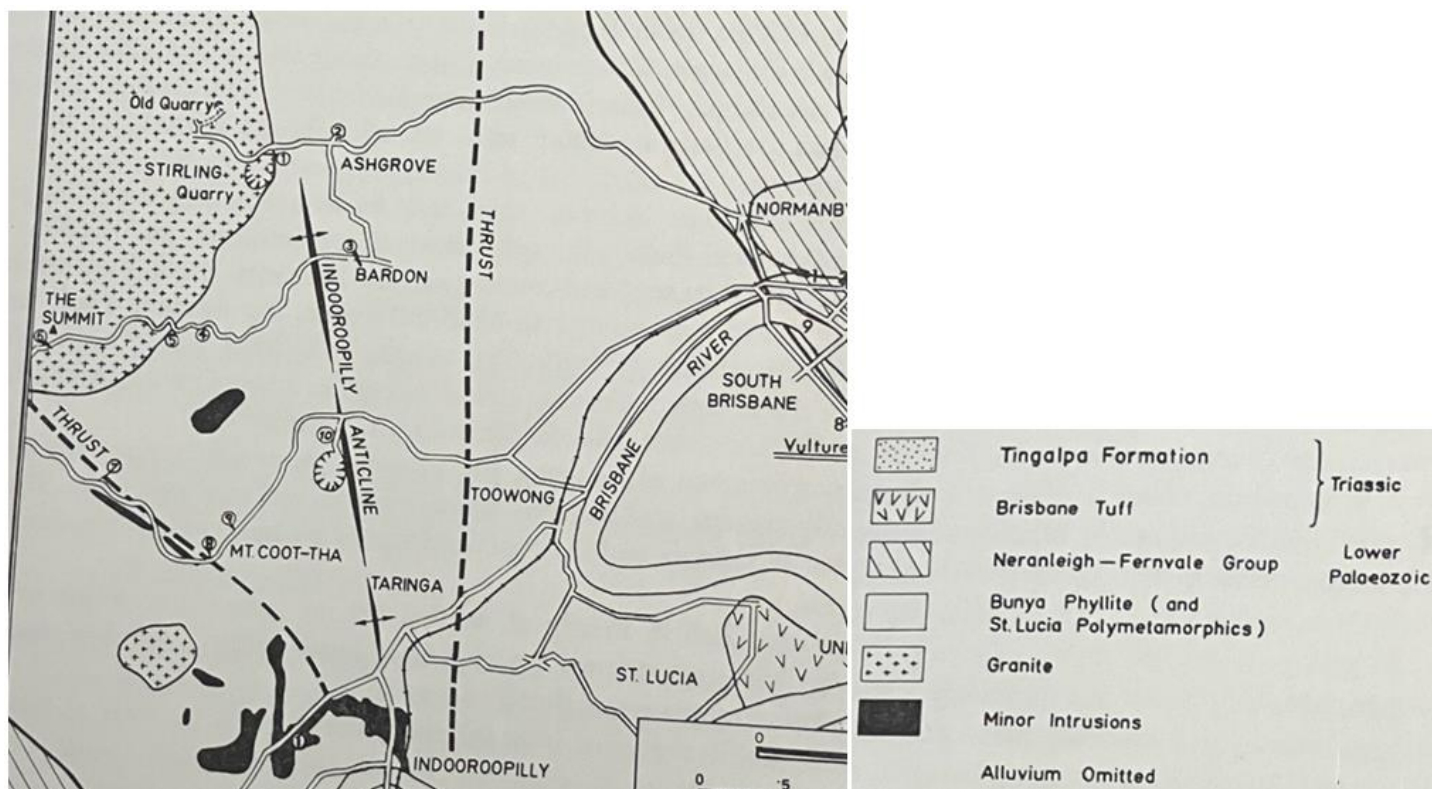
Home: There will be no public transport at the Lookout. Thus, the need for a car shuffle

Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Clothing: If you have a Fluro-Jacket, bring it along as there will be some road Strolling

This shall be our 4th Geological Stroll, continuing from the last one where you examined the road cutting at the old Bardon Tram Terminus.

Now, it is time to go up THE Mount. I will be following the yellow covered *A Guidebook to Field Geology in Southeast Queensland* by N.C. Stevens (Brisbane: University of Queensland Press, 1973.) – a very good book. OR, in other words, a good excuse to climb Mt C in the afternoon.



A Guidebook to Field Geology in Southeast Queensland by N.C. Stevens
(Brisbane: University of Queensland Press, 1973)

You probably have climbed Mt C before, most likely along these tracks – but never before in this order. The geological search will take you from Bardon along the one and only Ithaca Creek to the Simpson's Falls Picnic Area. From there, our search takes the Council tracks, then bush-bashing up through the open eucalypt forest to THE spots where Stevens explains aspects of the geology of the area – mainly in the road cuttings where the under layer has thoughtfully been exposed for us to examine. This involves two (yes, 2) bits of ignoring the tracks and just going bush in a straight line in an uphill fashion to find the road (and that famous cutting) and again later, a track.

Our endeavours take up to Channel 10, The Summit and onto 7, then 9 and out to the Gold Mine, The track system is followed to the proximity of The Lookout and beyond – and soon to arrive at the main Lookout after looking at 2 more geologic features. To add excitement to the end of the afternoon, there will be a short drive to the Council Blue Metal Quarry to inspect the last of our points of interest.

The car shuffle comes into play to take us back to the start, or the Botanic Gardens, or elsewhere. There will be no public transport at the Lookout. The nearest is at the Botanic Gardens at the foot of The Mount – The Great Circle Lines 598 and 599, to connect you with other services – thus, the need for a car shuffle.

Come with me to learn about the rocks in your head.

SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY ANNUAL MASS and LUNCH



Leader: Michele Endicott Ph: 0418 708 638
Meet at: St Cecilia's Church (Mother of Mercy Parish)
Address: 30 College St, Hamilton (corner Hants St)
Time: 11:15am for 11.30am Mass
Web: <https://www.motherofmercyparish.org.au/mass-times--prayer-opportunities.html>
Bus: Kingsford Smith Dr at College St, Stop 31; Stop ID: 002883 – Route 301 Toombul
Parking: Best parking for entry via ramp: College St for older persons or the disabled
Further street parking on Hants St. and a small carpark off Hants St

Lunch: Café 63
Address: 119 Racecourse Rd, Ascot, cnr Beatrice Terrace
Time: 12.45pm
Cost: A range – approx. \$15–\$30 – pay as you order
[https://cafe63.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Cafe63 Newspaper Menu YTR-ED2 22.10.24 PR8.pdf](https://cafe63.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Cafe63%20Newspaper%20Menu%20YTR-ED2%2022.10.24%20PR8.pdf)

Public Transport: Frequent buses and CityCat nearby
Parking: Racecourse Rd or nearby side streets
RSVP: For one/both events is by text message – or call me – on the number above
RSVP Date: Tuesday 18th February (*my birthday!*)

The Annual Mass and Lunch, one of the major events of the Club year, is just a few weeks away. I hope that 22nd February is already in your calendar and that you plan to be there. We already have 25+ nominations, thanks to Jan's efforts at the Vinnies Fundraiser Dinner, but not so many offers to do "jobs" in the Mass. There is still time to nominate – and to offer your services for liturgical décor/set-up, a reading or procession or assistance with leading the singing, accompanied by Peggy on guitar. We won't need Communion Ministers, as Russ will be serving as Deacon/Eucharistic Minister. If you have already nominated, but didn't specify any role in the liturgy that you might like to take, please let me know about that by text message. Thanks.

Fr Michael Grace will be our celebrant. He is the Parish Priest of Mother of Mercy Parish, and we know him from previous Club Masses and events and are pleased that he has agreed to be with us once again to celebrate Eucharist. After Mass, he will join us for lunch at Café 63.

St Cecilia's Hamilton is just the right size for BCBC and is accessible by a ramp from the footpath (College St) to the door. Those who are not so mobile can park nearby in College St. There is also a carpark beside the church, accessed from a driveway off Hants St – or in Hants St itself. Then it is just a short walk round to the College Street ramp entrance, which is now the main entry.

After Mass, we'll adjourn to Café 63, where there is a really good range of light meals, main courses and desserts, all at a reasonable price. It's an excellent opportunity to talk to members old and new – and to get to know any new people who come along.

Please do invite any new people you think may be interested in joining our Club because our Annual Mass and Lunch will give them a 'feel' for BCBC, with its long-standing tradition of spiritual and social events for those who love bushwalking.

As with the existing nominations, I will assume that those nominating between now and 22 February will be coming to BOTH events, unless just one is specified in your text message. Please keep those nominations rolling in, right up to Friday night, if necessary, although the restaurant would prefer to know numbers by Wednesday. Text me asap. See you on Saturday 22nd at our new 2025 start-time of 11:30!
Michele

WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

MILTON HISTORY #09

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Meet at: Milton Train Station
Time: 3.30
Finish: 5:30 at Milton Station
Cost: Free
Grading: S11

Distance: 8km
Duration: 2hr with all the talking and reading the history from the script
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995. Bring this number with you. Bring a torch.

This stroll is the ninth in our history series and focuses on the history of the suburb of Milton. By 1875, the railway line to Ipswich was opened and a station built at Milton. This alone encouraged residential settlement in Milton so that by the 1880s large estates and land had been subdivided into small residential lots. The small pocket of land between Milton Road and the Brisbane River quickly became filled with workers' cottages, small businesses and industry.

This stroll visits 17 points of interest and provides a glimpse into the rich history of the Milton area. It commences along the well-known Park Road restaurant and shopping precinct, in particular Savoir Faire with its imitation Eiffel Tower, opened in 1988 to coincide with Expo 88.

The stroll visits various historical vantage points along Park Road, Coronation Drive and Cribb Street, before moving to the location around Suncorp Stadium; along Milton Road passing the Castlemaine XXXX brewery (1878); the site of the famous Milton Tennis Centre, host to many Davis Cup contests, (now Frew Park) and finishing at 'Bishopsbourne', built between 1865–1868 for the first Anglican bishop of Brisbane.

Along the route, we will witness various points of interest including the historic Milton House, one of the oldest houses in Brisbane, the Cook Terrace and Cribb Street Terrace houses as well as the Christ Church Anglican Church and a few remnants of the Milton-Paddington Cemetery nestled beside Suncorp Stadium. Perhaps if time allows, visit the Milton State School opened in 1889.

For more info about the Milton area, visit <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.4761/153.0198> It should take about two hours with all the talking and reading the history from the script. At the end, there are regular trains from the Milton Railway Station to Roma Street and Queen Street. See the Translink website: <https://jp.translink.com.au/plan-your-journey/journey-planner>. Please bring my phone number and a torch with you.

Come along and discover the many hidden gems of Milton that will surprise and enthrall you.

THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY CHERMSIDE HILLS DAYWALK

Leader: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259
Meet At: Carpark at Trouts Rd, just north of the Hamilton Rd intersection
Time: 8.00am
Cost: Free
Grade: S22
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=17/-27.386229/153.006796>
Emerg Off: TBA

Brisbane is very fortunate in having a number of bush reserves where you can go bushwalking without the long drive to get to the start. The Chermshire Hills and Raven Street Reserve are one of the less known areas but well worth checking out.

The Chermshire Hills are on the north side of Hamilton Rd at Chermshire West and it is pure bushwalking country (albeit one where you catch periodic glimpses of houses and busy Hamilton Rd) with graded dirt tracks. Raven Street Reserve is the more gentrified of the two, with paved tracks and more walkers. They are joined by a wildlife bridge over Hamilton Rd and both are worth a visit.

We will meet at the entrance to Chermshire Hills and follow the bike path along the creek until we come to the entrance to the bush track that skirts around Milne Hill. At the end of the track we will climb the 301 steps (yes, I did count them) to the top of Milne Hill. Then it's down the road past the reservoir to the wildlife bridge crossing Hamilton Rd and into Raven Street Reserve.

After crossing the bridge we'll head down the track until we get to the Downfall Creek Bushland Centre which we'll explore. There are tables under the trees so bring something for morning tea and we will take a break there before we head back up the other part of the circuit and retrace our route around Milne Hill to the cars.

The final part of our walk will be in the main Chermside Hills area. The Giwandha Track is a lovely graded bushwalk of about 2.5km. It's hard to believe we are surrounded by houses. The track is known for its areas of grass trees.

This is a walk that anyone in the club should be able to do. The tracks are all in good condition and there are no steep hills (except for the one up Milne Hill and if I can do it anyone should be able to). It will be a slow walk but I am looking at some extensions for the faster walkers.

Let me know if you would like to come along on this interesting walk.

**SUNDAY 2nd MARCH
ENOGERA CREEK
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Leader: Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765
Meeting Point: 18 Glen Affric Street, The Gap
Meeting Time: 8:45am
Finish Time: 11:00am
Cost: Gift of your time
Equipment: Bring gardening gloves
Terrain: Suburban creek, lowland rainforest
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=17/-27.445296/152.951542>

The Club has visited Enoggera Creek many times in recent years. It flows from the South D'Aguliar National Park, via Enoggera Reservoir to Breakfast Creek and onto the Brisbane River. The section we are visiting today is small, even tiny, compared to our previous visits to the creek. Today's event is being organised by Save Our Waterways Now (SOWN) under the auspices of Clean Up Australia Day.

The focus for this morning is to help to care for this section of critically endangered lowland rainforest. The key task will be removing litter that has accumulated in the section of Enoggera Creek behind The Gap Village. There may also be opportunities to plant native species.

The meeting point is 18 Glen Affric Street, The Gap. When travelling from the City, it is the first street on the left, after crossing Walton Bridge on Waterworks Road. It is immediately before The Gap Village shops. Once in Glen Affric Street the meeting point is the car park next to The Gap Football Club. If you need assistance to get to the meeting point, please contact Terry.

To register for this event requires two steps –

1. Register with SOWN by logging onto <https://register.cleanup.org.au/fundraisers/johnabbott/sown-clean-up-australia-day>
2. Ring Terry Silk Ph: 3355 9765 and advise him of your intention to come.

Note – Event ends at 11.00am so there will not be time to have morning tea before the finish time. After the event you can gather and share morning tea, either provided by yourself or purchased from the nearby shops.

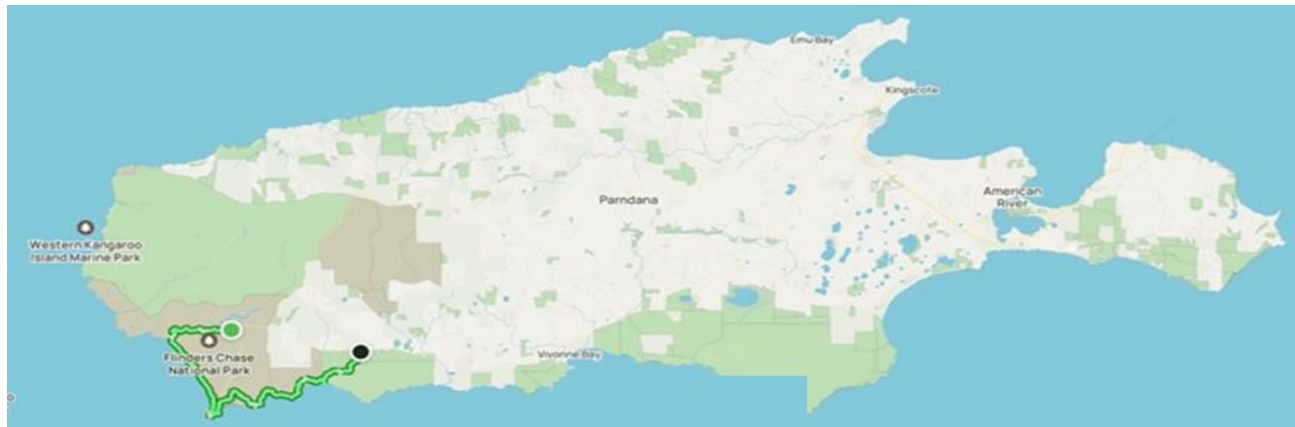
**TUE 4th – SUN 16th MARCH
WILD SOUTH COAST WAY
FLEURIEU PENINSULA and KANGAROO ISLAND WILDERNESS TRAIL
ACCOMMODATED TRIP**

Leader: Russ Nelson
Admin: Paulette Schmidt
Email: paulette.t.schmidt@gmail.com
Location: Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island, South Australia
Links: [Wild South Coast Way \(WSCW\)](#); [The Friends of the Heysen Trail](#)
[Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail \(KIWT\)](#)
Google map: [Victor Harbor; Cape Jervis & Kangaroo Island](#)

This walk follows the Wild South Coast Way (WSCW) located on the Fleurieu Peninsula, South Australia; followed by 5 days walking the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail (KIWT).

The WSCW is also the first 7 days of the famous 1200km Heysen Trail. The trail commences at Cape Jervis, but for practical reasons we will be walking from Victor Harbor to Cape Jervis, to then catch the ferry to Kangaroo Island to commence the KIWT. The trails are in south-west, SA. Some of these walking areas are in remote locations, normally making this a camping experience. However, BCBC has organised this walk, supported by *Big Heart Adventures* into an accommodated walk.

With all logistics included for our 12 day journey, walkers will be collected from Adelaide Airport where a group will make their way to Victor Harbor for 4 days, then to Cape Jervis for 2 nights to complete the WSCW. A ferry to Kangaroo Island will be a rest day between walks to allow for a little sightseeing while on Kangaroo Island (Seal Bay, etc).



Kangaroo Island Wilderness Trail highlighted in green



TUESDAY 4th MARCH
PANCAKE TUESDAY, EVE of LENT
MISS CLAUDE'S CREPES
SOCIAL

Leader: Mark Deegan Ph: 042 062 1973
Meet at: Miss Claude's Crepes, Village Shopping Centre,
400 Newmarket Rd, Newmarket – cnr Enoggera Rd –
Under Reading Cinemas, ground level, Enoggera Rd side of complex
Time: 6.00pm
Cost: \$20 approx
Menu: <https://www.missclaudes.com.au/newmarket>
Food: Dinner and Dessert Crepes – A huge range – one for everyone
RSVP: 28 February



Miss Claude's Crepes have redefined an age-old French classic and have created a mouth-watering modern menu of authentic Sweet, Savoury and Breakfast Crepes, derived from an old family recipe that has been handed down through generations and brought to Australia by Miss Claude.

To perfectly complement their crepe menu, *Miss Claude's* also serves up award-winning Bellissimo Coffee, T2 Tea, Creamy Milkshakes, Fresh Juices, Frappes and is fully licensed. There is also a huge variety of Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Vegan options available. So, who needs Paris, when *Miss Claude's* is open 7 days for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert.

Pancake Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today in many parts of England. Pancake Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday and this year Pancake Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday falls on Tuesday, 4th March.

Pancake Tuesday was traditionally the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients. A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of butter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional French pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and castor sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes. The pancake has a very long history and features in cookery books as far back as 1439.

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year. Eggs – Creation Flour – Staff of Life Salt – Wholesomeness Milk – Purity. This is an opportunity to prepare for the beginning of Lent, which is a time of preparation for Easter.

Miss Claude's is more than a dessert destination. The secret batter, fresh seasonal ingredients and inspired toppings all make for consistently great sweet and savoury crepes that attract diners from far and wide. Any time of the day – for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert or just as a snack – in both sweet and savoury varieties – so there's something for everyone!

All welcome. Nominations would be appreciated by 28th February.

WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH SALVIN CREEK STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:07pm
Meet at: Logan Rd at Mt Gravatt Central, Stop 37; Stop ID: 002232; 1478 Logan Rd, Outside Continental Plaza, the Vinnies shop and the Mower Shop
Cost: Free
Bus: 2:41pm from Queen St Bus Station 2A; Bus 170 Garden City
Grade: S21
Distance: 7.2km @ 2½hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.51990/153.11364&layers=P>
End: Carindale Shopping Centre Bus Interchange
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Come along on this “special” Stroll as it is on the first Wednesday of the month – most unusual; only because there is no Coffee Night this day (the CN is the evening before on Tuesday at Miss Claudes at Newmarket).

I would like all those people who are on my Strollers E-mail List to give it a really good thought to attend this one – because a lot of my regulars will be on the Club's extended trip to South Oz. I do not want to Stoll this route alone.

Salvin Creek is one of those unknown streams of Brisbane, mostly out in plain sight but largely forgotten. Come with me to make it famous.

Not a looong Stroll, however it does cover a lot of ground – going from Mt Gravatt Central to Carindale is a feat of feet. The first half is mainly suburban, notwithstanding we do find a source of this poor lonely

creek. From The Central, you shall stroll up a ridge to reach the divide of the Norman Creek and the Bulimba Creek catchments (two of the larger catchments in this town). This will be a momentous occasion for you – never done it before and will never do it again.

After going through the back streets of Mt Gravatt East where one source is found in Chester Park, you shall turn into Pine Mountain to reintroduce yourself to our creek in Tristania Park in order to follow this illusive creek all the way to Bulimba Ck, and forever onward to Carindale.

Most of the creek following is along bike paths, though on one occasion at least, you will have to follow me through the long grass between the creek bank and the housing fences. Not difficult, just slowish. You will even pass the historic site of the old Salvin Nursing Home, long abandoned and then burnt down and now vacant land.

This is really an enjoyable Stroll through quite back streets and along calm creek banks. Come exploring with me on this balmy Wednesday afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH LINDUM to WYNNUM CENTRAL STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 3:36pm
Meet at: Lindum Station, PI 1; 249 Sibley Rd
Cost: Free
Train: 3:05pm @ Roma Street Stn, PI 5; Cleveland train
Grade: S11
Distance: 9.2km @ 2hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=16/-27.44386/153.16140&layers=Y>
End: Wynnum Central Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

Come and be the first to stop at the new, vastly improved Lindum Station. You will be amazed at how modern it is. You have been zooming through it without stopping during the construction works. It was worth it.

The South Oz walkers are still away, so I need as many non-regular Stollers with me on this one. I feel lonely when Strolling all by myself. (*Sad-Face emoji.*)

You will be taking a different route to the previous Stroll down this way – that one was part of the Rail Series of Strolls; this one is part of the Bay Series.

The route will mainly be along streets, but trying to find all the parks and easements I can. The Stroll is in the territory of Lindum and Wynnum Creeks, so there is a lot of water, parkland and tracks. The main bit of water is the Wynnum foreshore.

I have created an exciting mixture for you to go along and through. It is all reasonably flat with no surprising inclines. And it is short. Come down to the Bay to smell the fresh salt air, see the birds in the creeks and along the foreshore, and check out the unique shore trees, shrubs and palms.

SATURDAY 15th – SUNDAY 16th MARCH CLUB HUT FEAST OVERNIGHTER

Leader: Iain Renton Ph: 0401 429 085
Meet at: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 12.00 midday
Cost: \$25 + food costs
Grade: S43
Emerg Off: Kerry Mulligan Ph: 0421 022 250
RSVP: 8.00pm Sunday 9th March



The Club Hut Feast is back. Most years the club celebrates the long history of our wonderful club hut with a feast. This is when we can leave behind all those 2-minute noodles and dehydrated meals and enjoy some seriously good tucker in the bush. What could be better than relaxing in a beautiful peaceful spot in the bush for a laid back late afternoon and evening, enjoying wonderful food and great company!

People coming to the feast provide a course or part of a course and the final menu is worked out once I have talked to all those coming. You will need to bring all the usual stuff for an overnight stay at the hut (sleeping bag, a comfy sleeping mat, etc), the food you are bringing for the feast, all your eating utensils and whatever you are eating for breakfast on Sunday morning (we bring our own meals for breakfast). Some people choose to bring in a hike tent to sleep in and hitch it in the hut paddock rather than sleep in the hut (there are bunks for nine people in the hut). Please make sure you contact me by the RSVP date if you are coming. Iain

SUNDAY 16th MARCH

CLUB HUT DAYWALK

Leader: Terry Silk Ph 3355 9765
Meet at: St. Brigid's carpark, Red Hill
Time: 7.00am
Cost: \$25
Grade: S32
Location: South West of Brisbane adjacent to NSW Border
Web: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/queensland/lower-portals-track>
Emerg. Off. Desley Pedrazzini Ph 3369 5530

Once again, it's time to celebrate the Club Hut's birthday. Most of the walk is on a graded track which is quite eroded. The track undulates across nine gullies with one creek crossing which can be negotiated with dry feet by rock hopping. The walk in and out takes about 2hr each way.

When we reach the hut, we will have a shared morning tea. (Please bring some food to share.) After this it may be possible to cross Barney Creek and walk 15min upstream to the Lower Portals where you could have a swim.

Lunch will be at the hut before we head back to the cars. The hut is in a very peaceful spot-on private property.

Please join me in celebrating the hut's birthday with fine food and good memories. Terry.

WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH

AIRPORT LINE – Rail #32 STROLL

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 2:30pm
Meet at: Eagle Junction Station in the concourse
Cost: \$11
Train: 2:09pm @ Roma St Stn, PI 7; Shorncliffe train
Grade: M11
Distance: 13km @ 3+a bit hr
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-27.40419/153.08518>
End: Domestic Terminal Rail Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

This will be a good flat Stroll initially through some back streets, then along several bike paths, and on the grass beside some bike-only paths, and finally on grassy verges of the airport roads. There won't be much shade, I'm afraid.

And you too can observe my obsession while out Strolling – stopping and looking at the planes flying over. Sheer heaven.

This one might turn out like the Port of Brisbane Stroll in the middle of last year – just a niggly feeling in the back of my mind.

After doing the 13km, I do not think many of us will want to Stroll back to DFO to catch a bus back to civilisation – it will be a few more kms. Better to suffer the expense and catch the Airtrain back to Eagle Junction or beyond.

This one is must-do if you want to complete the Rail Series of Strolls.

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH **NEW FARM to SOUTHBANK and DINNER** **SOCIAL**



Leader: Barbara Eastoe Ph: 0466 652 259
Meet at: Sydney St Ferry Terminal, New Farm
Time: 4.30pm
Cost: Free
Emerg Off: Barbara E Ph: 0466 652 259

The only thing nicer than a stroll along the river followed by dinner and a ferry ride back to the start is to do this with friends. So that's what we will do! I have led this walk a couple of times many, many years ago and it was always very popular so I hope that this one will be equally successful.

We will meet at the Sydney Street Ferry terminal and start to walk towards the city. This will be a slow walk, plenty of time to take in the scenery, remember how we miss the old floating river-walk which bobbed up and down when a ferry passed and admire (or lament) the changes to the Howard Smith Wharves.

When I last organised this walk the ways of crossing the river were limited but that's not the case now. However, the choice of the bridge is easy. We have to try out the new Kangaroo Point bridge! So over the bridge we go then along the walkway and into Southbank where we will have dinner.

After dinner there are a couple of options. You can catch the ferry back to New Farm from Southbank. Some might want to cross over the river and go up to the Skywalk at the Star to admire the city lights before taking the ferry or walking back to New Farm.

I hope you will be able to join me for what looks like a great night. I have not had a chance to do the pre-walk yet so check the next Jilalan for more information or any changes.

Please contact me so I can book for dinner.

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH **OPOSSUM / WOOGAROO CREEKS** **STROLL**

Leader: Greg Endicott Ph: 0418 122 995
Time: 1:54pm
Meet at: Springfield Central Station – the last station – do not get confused with another station with a similar name
Cost: Free
Train: 1:15pm @ Roma St Stn, PI 8; Springfield train
Grade: M22
Distance: 14km @ 4hr
Location: Springfield Central, Springfield, Bellbird Park, Camira, Goodna
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=14/-27.63917/152.92702>
End: Goodna Station
Emerg Off: Greg Ph: 0418 122 995

We have Strolled Opossum Creek twice before, but by following the Left Branch. Now it is time to branch out and to follow the Right Branch. This is the Stroll from Springfield Central Station along the byways to the Anglican School, then into that large piece of bush.

This time, the beginning is the same, following the path to the Anglican School, then into that big surprisingly nice piece of bush. However, from here on the similarities disappear. Soon entering the bushland, you take a left turn (and I like these names) Stroll along these tracks: Bee Run, Opossum Creek Run, Nick's Crossover and Fisher's Dead End. Then back to suburbia for a little while so you can join up little parks along the way (like little beads on a rosary) to the mighty Brisbane River into which Woogaroo Creek mixes its waters.

While in this bush, one would not believe they were in the middle of the burbs. Not a roof to be seen, not a manmade sound punctures the ears; it is all green and very lovely. The tracks we have been on already are well made fire roads, broad and reasonably straight. The new ones above may be slightly more like tracks as suggested by their names. In the wet, it could be a little boggy and slippery – though Strollers find this fun and adventurous. Look for that infamous spot where the sewerage main bust out of the manhole.....

The end is Goodna Rail Station where numerous trains will take you back to Bris Vegas – they come every half-hour on the .27pm and .57pm. There is not much hope of getting from the end back to the start – it is a longish train journey. The trains will be the better option.

THURSDAY 27th MARCH **WESTERN APPROACHES TO LAMINGTON PARK** **DAYWALK**

Leader: John Carter Ph: 0433 279 771
Meet: St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill
Time: 6.00 am
Cost: \$25
Grade: M66
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=13/-28.28352/153.10873>
Emerg Off: TBA

This walk provides an opportunity to climb one of the western ridges of Lamington National Park. An early start allows us time to complete the walk. The western ridges are categorised by dry eucalypt forests merging into rainforest on somewhat steep slopes.

The pre-outing will determine which route will be followed and further information will be provided in the March magazine.

Give me a call to discuss, if you are interested in this walk – Ph: 0433 279 771

John

SATURDAY 29th MARCH **WHITE'S BEACH** **DAYWALK**

Leader: Phil Murray Ph: 0416 650 160 or philmurray16@gmail.com
Meet at: St Brigid's Carpark, Red Hill
Time: 6:30am
Cost: \$30
Grade: M43
Distance: 13km
Web: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=15/-28.70881/153.60269>
Emerg Off: TBA

I can highly recommend this trip as it has absolutely gorgeous views and lovely secluded beaches, especially White's Beach where there is a cave.

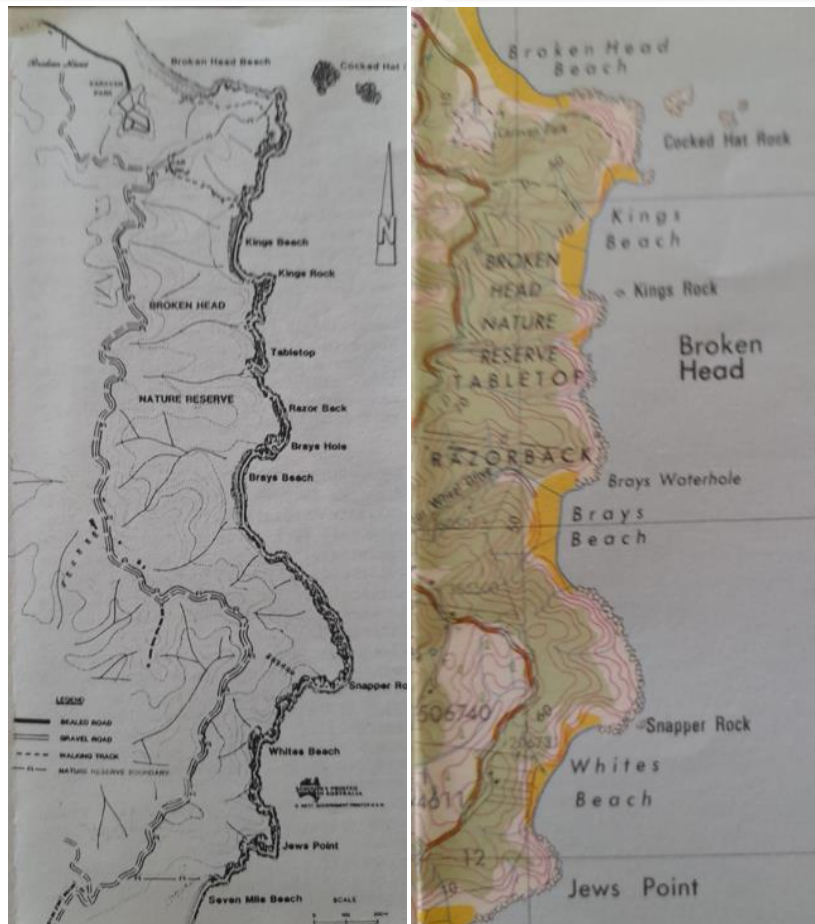
There is some walking around a few rock shelves to make it interesting, which requires care, and two very short uphill sections. You need sturdy shoes and, I suggest, garden gloves as the rocks have gnarly edges. In total, the rock hopping is only about 20 minutes.

Leaving Red Hill at 6.30am it is a 2hr drive – distance 177km. There will be a morning tea stop at the Chinderah Service Centre. So I expect to start walking just before 9.30am to allow the tide to drop before we go around the rocks.

We drive down to Suffolk Park – just south of Byron Bay – and park at the end of Clifford Street and start the walk there, and walk south to Broken Head (1.5km); next do a track walk around Broken Head (800m), and a rock hopping section for 300m to Kings Beach (about 300m long). After this, rock hopping between beaches (600m) to Brays Beach (about 400m long), then up the stairs to the road, where a track takes the party to the headland (300m), and down the ridge for 100m to White's Beach. The return is via the road or the coast. Total Distance about 13km. For those interested there will be time for a quick swim at White's Beach during our lunch break.

Come along on a lovely trip with magnificent views, lots of beach walking and bush walking. The Club has only this walk once before back in 2015.

I hope you can join us as it could be years before we do this trip again since it is a long way from Brisbane. It is a long way there but better to do it now while you can. Phil



ADVANCE NOTICE

**MON 3rd – SUN 9th NOVEMBER
MORNINGTON PENINSULA
ACCOMMODATED TRIP**

- Leader:** Paulette Schmidt
Email: paulette.t.schmidt@gmail.com
Departure: Arrive Melbourne Airport Monday 3rd Nov before 1pm
Hire Car: Drive to Mornington Peninsula for first day of walking on Tuesday 4th
Transport: Melbourne Airport; daily transport Mornington Peninsula and return to Melbourne Airport (9th November) via St Kilda Foreshore
Distance: 15–20km average per day (due to the location there may be an option to do shorter walks some days, however public transport may not be completely reliable in some isolated areas)
Cost: **Flights:** Arrive before 1pm Monday 3rd Nov
Depart after 3pm Sunday 9th Nov
Flights outside these times will be your own responsibility for transport to/from Mornington Peninsula/Melbourne Airport
Hire Car: All travel to and from Melbourne Airport; Travel around Mornington Peninsula. Volunteer drivers will be requested from the group
Accomm: Seven night's accommodation: Kanasta Caravan Park, Rye:
Selection: 4 Bedroom house; 2 & 1 bedroom cabins; 2 Caravans (with communal facilities, i.e. no bathroom in the van)
All meals: While on the Peninsula will be at your own expense, i.e. breakfast and lunch self-catered; evening meal a combination of restaurants and self-catered, or your own choice. Supermarket (1.4km); restaurants, cafes, etc. are close by
Locations: Mornington Peninsula, Victoria
Web: <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/mornington-peninsula-national-park>
Map: <https://www.openstreetmap.org/#map=12/-38.3745/144.9891>
Deposit: \$50 deposit to secure your place on this trip

Embracing the wild ocean beaches between Portsea and Flinders, Mornington Peninsula National Park is a favourite of Melburnians looking to escape the nearby city. You are invited to nominate to join this tour to our southern state of Victoria to experience the highlights of such areas as Point Nepean National Park, Portsea and view Millionaires Row, to the rugged Cape Schanck area with stunning views across Bass Strait.

Before proceeding any further and due to the level of available accommodation on the Mornington Peninsula, I am seeking your interest. If you would like to nominate, please do so by **15th February**. If there are less than eight people interested, I will not proceed. This trip is capped at 16 people.

Any suggestions at this stage are welcome as the schedule is still in the early planning stages. The walks will be between 12km–20km. There may be the opportunity to drop in/out as you need, as public transport is available (although the reviews are not great), in some parts of the Mornington Peninsula. This would be at your own cost.

The current itinerary:

- Day 1 – 3rd Nov:** Arrive to **Melbourne Airport**, prior to 1pm; meet and proceed to Mornington Peninsula accommodation. 2hr drive
Welcome Dinner
<https://kanastacaravanpark.com.au/>
- Day 2 – 4th Nov:** **Point Nepean National Park** (highlights Quarantine Station, Fort Pearce and Eagles Nest Walk, London Bridge Lookout) 17.7km (note this trail has a lot of bitumen)
<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/point-nepean-national-park>
- Day 3 – 5th Nov:** **AM: Eastern Sisters, Sorrento Bay Trail to Portsea** (includes Millionaire's Walk)
<https://walkingmaps.com.au/walk/4094>
Portsea Hotel Lunch
PM: Rosebud to Arthurs Seat via Bay Trail and Two Bays Trail 13km

<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/victoria/rosebud-to-arthurs-seat-via-bay-trail-and-two-bays-walking-track>

- Day 4 – 6th Nov: **Cape Schanck** (highlights) – walk approx. 15km–18km (**not** the whole trail from Cape Schanck to Portsea (32km) unless of course you're keen to do it?)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K6t9M4DaQU>
- Day 5 – 7th Nov: **Two Bays Trail** (highlights) approx. 15km; for those who are keen the whole trail is 25.4km
<https://www.alltrails.com/trail/australia/victoria/two-bays-trail>
- Day 6 – 8th Nov: **8am depart** Mornington Peninsula to St Kilda (1hr drive)
Foreshore Trail: Elwood to Port Melbourne 11km 3hr (Sandbar Café, Middle Park – great coffee ☺)
https://stkildamelbourne.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Foreshore_Trail_Map_Web_Version.pdf
- Day 7 – 9th Nov: **1:30pm Drive** Foreshore Trail to Melbourne Airport (up to an hour) for flight home. Choose a flight home leaving after 3pm

OUTINGS SECRETARY REPORT

Date Changes

- 15th–16th March – Club Hit Feast – Change of Leader from Prada to Iain
- 27th March – Change of title/location – Replace 'Lost World' with "Western Approaches to Lamington Park" (Black Snake Ridge or Mt Gilles) Leader to decide
- 29th March – White's Beach, previously was January
- Coffs Coastal Walk – 20th– 25th August – postponed to 2026
- Mornington Peninsula – Date moved to 3rd–9th November
- 17th–22nd November Grampians, Vic – may be changed due to bush fire damaged
- 23rd–29th November – Rainbow Beach BC – previously 7th–9th November
- 6th December North Coast Peaks Cancelled
- 13th December – Mt Glorious added to calendar

Future Highlights

- 2nd March – Clean Up Aust Day at Ashgrove
- 21st– 23rd May – Southern Section of Nth Rivers Rail Trail AT
- 3rd–9th November – Mornington Peninsula AT

TREASURER REPORT

Balance 31/12/24	\$4286.04
Plus Receipts	\$2051.99
Sub Total	\$6338.03
Balance 31/01/25	\$6103.03
Term Deposit	\$5000.00

It is Membership Renewal time, and if you wish to renew, please do it now so that you don't miss any magazines. When renewing, it is most important that you fully complete, sign and return your Renewal Form that was included with your January magazine and also detailed the unchanged rates.

Currently, I can still accept donations for Vinnies, and I have now started collecting for The Little Kings' Movement for The Handicapped. I am able to issue tax deductible receipts for the Little Kings' donations. The club's Vinnies' night was quite successful, but, unfortunately, it was unable to surpass the record of 2023. Terry.

EDITOR'S REPORT

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With the large number of Extended Walks coming up, there is a need for leaders to present their trip in such a way that members will, firstly, read their article, then be tantalised by it, and finally give it a good think. And lastly, to pick yours and not those others.

To do this, you need to make it all very exciting. Just naming a few tracks in itself is not enough. No one has heard of them and have no idea what and where they are.

Extended Trips are just a series of Daywalks, so your article needs to look like a regular *Coming Outings* trip report. That means give a bit of a description of each walk: terrain, scenery, view, types of vegetation, type of track, length, ups/downs, and all that stuff. It is a trip, so it needs to be described like any local trip. To include some web links for us to further investigate would be very helpful. A trip is a trip, is a trip, is a trip, so your article needs to be a trip article.

Again, thanks to all our contributors who generally send in articles for their past events – much appreciated, especially when they come in soon after that walk or social. The *Comings* are coming in thick and fast – thanks, and again much appreciated. For all articles, the earlier the better – that way you have done it while the memory is still fresh, and the editing can actually begin before the due date.

Please send in your photos for Past (and a few for Comings) since they help us to appreciate your event, and add interest and colour to Jilalan. They may not make the printed magazine since there are space restrictions and that colour does not come out too pretty in black-and-white.

Please keep up the good work with your articles.

Greg

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership subscriptions for 2025 became due on 1st January. These fees cover the period from 1st January to 31st December. The Membership Renewal Form is provided as an attachment in this Jilalan email.

To date, a total of 32 members have rejoined this year. We request that all members expedite the renewal of their memberships for this year, as we are now into February and looking to see how our total membership is faring for the year.

Annual fees are \$35 for ordinary members and \$30 for associate members. These annual fees remain unchanged from last year.

There is an additional \$45 cost for all members, including life members, who elect to receive a printed Jilalan each month.

Annual Fees 2025	Email newsletter	Printed newsletter
Ordinary member	\$35.00	\$80.00
Associate member	\$30.00	\$75.00

ABOUT PEOPLE

Graham Walters, a former member, passed away Tuesday 21st January in hospital after a valiant battle with cancer. Please keep his wife, Madonna and family in your thoughts and prayers. Graham's funeral service was at Guardian Angels Church, Wynnum on Friday 31st January, and burial at Hemmant Cemetery.

Kath Read (*nee* Vingoe) – a former member and President – Memorial Service will be held at St Pius X Church, 69 Golda Ave, Salisbury, on Tuesday 18th February at 11:00am. There will be lunch at the Mt Gravatt Hotel, 1315 Logan Rd from 12:30pm. Please share this invitation with former members. RIP

Jas Ah Kiau, Jenny Bullock, Anne Cashman, Michele Endicott, Kerry Mulligan, Kylie Moore, Terry Silk and Diane Yallop are celebrating their birthdays in February.

Barbara, Julie and Sandra from the Ipswich Bushwalking Club were first-time visitors on Mark's Westray's Grave walk; and Margaret Hegarty (a friend of Donna Ellison) was also a first-time visitor on Susan's Ewen Maddock Dam walk. Visitors are most welcome on any of our events.

Greg and Michele have just returned from visiting family in Perth.

During the month the Club had enquiries from Laurence Harris and Mary McInnes – thanks for your interest in bushwalking; hope to see you on the track soon. And, Pat and John Tarvit who joined members on a Club walk at the end of last year.

PAST EVENTS

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER ANNUAL CLUB RETREAT SPIRITUAL

Fifteen or so members enjoyed our Club Retreat at the Santa Teresa Centre for Spirituality, Ormiston, where we joined about 20 others from the Archdiocese of Brisbane to enjoy a few hours of peaceful reflection called 'A Morning's Prayer Retreat'.

At the end of the Retreat, I think everyone agreed it was really worth the effort of driving all the way to Ormiston, to find a place of such peace and beauty. We enjoyed the input at the start, which was focused on approaches to Prayer, and then the personal reflection time in the beautiful grounds of Santa Teresa overlooking Moreton Bay.

To guide our reflection, there was the written and visual material in the little booklet provided by the presenter, plus leaflets provided by the STS Citselfre: Walking the Labyrinth or Walking the Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux. We were free to wander the grounds in silence for about 45 minutes and then it was time to walk back up to the dining room area, where fresh hot scones with jam and cream awaited.

After our cuppa, we were invited to return to the main gathering room, where we had the opportunity to share our reflections with others in pairs or three's – or not (No pressure to speak.). There was some final input to wrap it all up and we then left, feeling very peaceful and inspired – soul-nourished, you could say. I think it was well worth the \$25 – an amount you could pay for a meal and not feel anywhere near as well "nourished".

Speaking of nourishment, twelve of us chose to adjourn to the Cleveland Hotel afterwards for a relaxed lunch and debrief/social catch-up. All most enjoyable! Michele

WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER BELMONT TRAMWAY – Rail #24 STROLL



We started off the Stroll by walking over to the often talked about gardens at Norman Park Station. Mary said the Rest Room had some lovely old photos. So we decided to go in and see them. We saw the Ticket Waiting Area room, full of photos too. It's a lovely station with lots of character; very unique.

When I saw the caption "The Belmont Tramway History", I had no idea until we commenced the Stroll that we were going back one century. I thought we were looking at the tram stops which were closed in 1968. I had to be reminded that the tramlines at Camp Hill we can see along the median strip are classified as recent history from 1948 onwards.

We went along D'Arcy Road onto Ferguson Road, ended up at Bennetts Road which was an error (sorry Greg, especially since your maps were very good including the gpx file). We did explore the Bennetts Parkland which was very wet and still had water flowing through it. I was convinced that the tram ran along Bennetts Road where the first stop was located, rather than tram line weaving back though the park, the other way.

We backtracked to McIlwraith Avenue and then cut through Perth Street Park arriving at Camp Hills Bowls Club and onto the last bit of Oates on Skyline Drive. The backdrop of the city from the Perth Street and the bowling club is stunning and will make it a lovely location for one of our Coffee Nights. There is a Thai restaurant called Pan Thai Restaurant inside the bowls club.

Apart from a couple of information boards, it is hard to ever imagine the old tram existed in the early 1900s, let alone see any remnants of the tram tracks since it is almost a century ago.

Thank you to our stalwart Strollers Joe, Paula and Mary who joined me on the Stroll. Prasada

You can view *Walkabout With Rob – Belmont Tramway* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMfZdrUpC20>
Also: <https://www.kstwx.net/belrwy.html> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belmont_Tramway

WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY BBQ AT MT COOT-THA SOCIAL

Twenty-four people gathered in the late afternoon at Gap Creek Reserve at the foot of Mt Coot-tha. A lovely breeze blew as plates of tasty nibbles were shared prior to the barbeque being lit. As one barbeque was not working, Khaleel's barbeque was a welcome addition. When the main meal had been devoured, some cakes and slices were shared around as the conversation flowed.

By 8pm everyone was heading home, which was fortunate timing as a storm arrived about an hour later.

Those who joined me were: Joe Tottenham, Prasada Vajjhala, Sue & Mary Tobin, Mark, Majella & Lauren Deegan, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Liz Little, Maria Kerruish, Paddy Taylor, Annette M, Janet G, Allan & Paulette Schmidt, Khaleel Petrus, Rusty & Louise Jones, Gordon & Maree Denkes, Eva Broadbent and Russ Nelson.
Jan Nelson

TUESDAY 14th JANUARY MOVIE NIGHT SOCIAL

Our first Movie Night for the year saw eleven of us gather at the old Hawthorne Cinema to see the third of the Paddington movies, "*Paddington in Peru*". One of the highlights of the night was that the cinema was selling discounted Choc-Top ice creams, which proved to be very popular on a hot evening. Paddington's latest adventure was greatly enjoyed by all. As the cinema does not have seat allocation, we were able to all sit together. Most of us managed to see the last scene that appeared after the end of the credits. (I firmly believe that it always pays to stay until the end of the credits so that you do not miss any final scenes). After the movie we gathered in the foyer for a group photo and brief debrief before going our separate ways' home.



Thanks to Russ and Jan Nelson, Mark and Majella Deegan, Joe Tottenham, Andrea Turner, Susan Tobin, Prasada Vajjhala, Khaleel Petrus and Grame Aldom for joining me on another successful movie night. Stay tuned for our next one. Terry

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY NORMAN CREEK STROLL

On a humid afternoon, fourteen determined strollers set off from Stones Corner bus station along the pathway meandering beside Norman Creek. Whilst not always the most scenic of terrain, it gave us a perspective of the Coorparoo flood plain which is now home to much commercial industry.

While rest stops are not a usual feature of strolls, in this case it was compulsory to gather at a park bench to light candles on a rather soggy cake and sing Happy Birthday to Paula, our current Jilalan editor.

We proceeded onto the mouth of Norman Creek where it joins the Brisbane River, under the bridge along Wynnum Road. We sat down at the Norman Bridge Reserve for a short while to enjoy the cool river breeze on this muggy day and admire the views along the Brisbane River.

From here, we had a pleasant walk past old Queenslander homes and into beautiful Mowbray Park with its magnificent fig trees. Finally, we crossed some busy roads and walked through Raymond Park as we made our way to the Woolloongabba busway station for our journey home. All in all, an interesting, chatty adventure on another of Greg's legendary strolls.

Many thanks to Cath, Marlene, Janet, Paula, Paddy, Sofia, Joe, Louise and Rusty, Anne and Michael, Jan and Russ for joining me for a pleasant Wednesday afternoon by Norman Creek. Jon



**SATURDAY 18th JANUARY
IPSWICH HERITAGE
DAYWALK**

This walk was different as it collected walkers at the following stations – Roma St, Indooroopilly, Chelmer, Darra and Wacol – a record for diverse locations. Our guide did not turn up, so we sought the historical places ourselves.

In Brisbane Street we identified the former Bank of Australasia which was a building designed in Melbourne and built in three states. The Queensland version had a verandah added onto it to assist with summer weather. We went onto inspect St Paul's Anglican Church, the oldest Anglican Church in Queensland. Also of particular note was the Ipswich Art Gallery which was located at Darcy Doyle Place. Darcy (1932–2001) was a successful realist painter.

We then investigated three hotels in Brisbane Street – *Club*, *Prince of Wales* and *Metropole* – which have experienced significant events such as fires, Licencing Court arguments, visits by royalty and town planning debates. Then we moved to St Mary's Catholic Church which was built in 1904 in Helidon sandstone. This Church has had funds spent on maintenance and the current project is lighting.

Next, we ascended to the top of Denmark Hill which was a coal mine from 1912 to 1952. From the highpoint there are views of D'Aguilar, Teviot, Little Liverpool and Great Dividing Ranges plus Cunningham's Gap. Many of the tracks on the hill are the routes of former tramways used to carry coal to the railway.

We descended to Limestone Park via Quarry Street. There we found Toronto Cottage, built in 1860, which housed seven clergymen of various religions at one stage. Now it is becoming a very desirable four-bedroom house built in heritage traditions. This led us into Queens Park and the Burley Griffin Incinerator Theatre, built in 1936. This is the performance venue of the Ipswich Little Theatre Society. We visited the Zoo which houses examples of animals found in the Ipswich region.

Our last port of call was, via Newtown, to the Prince Alfred Hotel, built in 1842, in Booval. There we enjoyed lunch in a very busy dining room before heading home on the train. The walkers were Rusty and Louise Jones, Russ and Jan Nelson, Cath Morahan and Jon Peake, Annette MacKenzie, Prasada Vajjhala, Terry Silk, Paddy Taylor, Susan Tobin, Benno Giuliani, Maria Kerruish, Eva Broadbent, Andrea Turner, Sophie Ramsay and Will Taylor. Rusty Jones

**WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY
GAYTHORNE RSL – ST VINNIES FUNDRAISER
SOCIAL**

Thirty-one people met at the recently renovated Gaythorne RSL to enjoy dinner, some great company and conversation, and to raise some very much needed funds for St Vinnies, an organisation which provides such an important service in the community. This event has become an annual tradition over recent years and is always well supported by Club members.

It was a very enjoyable evening and I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for St Vinnies so that the St Vinnies Conference can continue its valuable service.

Those who joined me were: Barbara Eastoe, Joe Tottenham, Prasada Vajjhala, Sue Tobin, Mark, Majella & Lauren Deegan, Pat Lawton, Jonas Bernotas, Liz Little, Maria Kerruish, Annette MacKenzie, Rusty & Louise Jones, Gordon & Maree Denkes, Russ Nelson, Dianne Robertson, Michael Simpson, Karen Franklin, Andrea Turner, Terry Silk, Michael & Anne Cashman, Antonia Simpson, Geraldine Young, Donna Ellison, Benno & Michele Giuliani and Sue Walsh. Jan Nelson

**SUNDAY 26th JANUARY
WESTRAYS GRAVE
DAYWALK**



Westrays Grave was sensational on a hot and humid day. After our group met in Beaudesert, we headed towards Christmas Creek where we passed large numbers of long weekend campers and day trippers headed to the area for a walk and a cool swim.

Our club members were joined by three visitors from the Ipswich Bushwalking Club who shared a lot of experiences as walkers and much good conversation during our journey. Recent rains meant Christmas Creek was flowing abundantly, still enabling some to rock hop and some to walk through the fast flowing, cool waters of the creek. One highly experienced walker was adept at strolling confidently over the fallen log across the creek (sorry no prize for guessing who that walker might be).

The path to Westrays Grave was quite muddy and overgrown, yet it allowed regular views of the rapidly flowing creek and the spiralling trees of the magnificent rainforest. Our progress was accompanied by the prominent chorus of cicadas as well as extreme levels of humidity. Morning tea took place in a small clearing leading down to the creek. Our ascendancy was marked by further small creek crossings, rock scrambling and pink guide markers.

As we passed the markers showing the steep route to the Stinson plane wreck, we arrived at Jim Westray's grave and the memorial sign. Much of the conversation over lunch was about the circumstances surrounding Jim Westray and the Stinson plane crash of 1937, aided considerably by the historic newspaper articles and photos as well as a Fact Sheet shared by Pat and Jonas about the Stinson crash, Bernard O'Reilly's magnificent rescue efforts and Westray's tragic death.

Feeling refreshed, our return journey was quicker and less demanding and provided a different perspective of the stunning bushland environment that we enjoyed. Club walkers included John C, Pat L, Jonas B, Majella D, Prasada V as well as our Ipswich Bushwalking visitors Julie H, Sandra K and Barbara G. Thank you to those who joined me on my first walk as leader (except for a small daywalk as leader to Knapp's Peak in June 2001).

Mark D

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY EWEN MADDOCK DAM DAYWALK

On a warm Saturday morning 17 of us gathered at the entrance of the Recreation area of Ewen Maddock Dam. After a group photo and introductions, we were off to walk along the boardwalk then onto the picturesque path that runs along the edge of the dam. The area was lush with palms, bracken ferns, Scribbly and paperbark trees.

First of all, we explored the Pink Loop where many photos were taken. The noise of the cicadas was something to experience. We then continued along the Main track where we then diverted to walk the

Brown Loop, where another wonderful and different aspect of dam was viewed. Just before the end of the Brown Loop, it was time for a break under the canopy of trees to enjoy the dam and morning tea.

It was then time to continue along the Main track where a decision was made to continue onto Gympie St North as it was too early for lunch. Before heading off we farewelled Donna and Marg as they needed to be back in Brisbane.

Having explored the area, it was time to enjoy some shade, once again on the edge of the dam for lunch.

After a leisurely lunch we headed back on the Main track to explore the White Loop, before heading back on the Main track back to the cars.

Will and Graeme decided to experience a swim in the designated area while the rest of us headed to the Moorlooba Country Club for refreshments.

Many thanks to Michele, Richard, Cath, Jon, Prasada, Donna, Marg, Jan, Eva, Maria, Terry, Sophia, Annette, Paddy, Graeme and Will for joining me on this walk that provided the perfect balance of nature and scenic beauty.

A special thank you to the drivers Will and Prasada and to the walk's tail-end-Charlie, Jon. Sue T.



View on the walk



Before the walk



After the walk

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT SOCIAL

Our second Movie Night of the year was another success which surprised me as I feared that the short notice, a new venue, plus the fact that many members had already seen “*Conclave*”, would impact a successful night. We also had trouble finding a cinema with an evening session.

Anyway, ten of us gathered at the Regal Cinema in Graceville to take advantage of the \$10.00 Cheap Tuesday tickets. Once again, without seat allocating, we were all able to sit together. We all enjoyed the movie with the accomplished acting a stand out, especially that of Ralph Fiennes. I don’t think that any of us foresaw the conclusion.

Thanks to Russ and Jan Nelson, Joe Tottenham, Prasada Vajjhala, Annette Mackenzie, Donna Ellison, Janet Galos, Dianne Robertson and Susan Tobin for joining me for a memorable movie night. Stay tuned to see what we will see next.
Terry.

NEW VICAR GENERAL FOR BRISBANE ARCHDIOCESE

New Vicar General is Tuning into New Waves of Church Leadership

By Joe Higgins – “*CATHOLIC LEADER*” 22nd January

<https://catholicleader.com.au/archdiocese-website/new-vicar-general-fr-peter-dillon-is-tuning-into-new-waves-of-church-leadership/>



The Vicar General is a priest who is appointed by the diocesan bishop to assist in the administration and governance of the whole diocese and has the same executive authority as the bishop across the whole of the diocese that belongs, by church law, to the diocesan bishop.

What Fr Peter Dillon enjoyed most about his days producing and presenting a talk-back radio segment in the 1990s was the unexpected. People from all walks of life called in and he never quite knew what they were going to talk to him about or which direction the conversation might go. And being a Sunday night program when Brisbane had little Sunday nightlife – there were plenty of listeners to hold him to account.

It gave him a healthy appetite for the unexpected and, decades later, had prepared him well for his new role as vicar general for Brisbane archdiocese, where the unexpected formed a central part of the job.

Fr Dillon, 46 years a priest, said the great thing about the Church today was how many skilled operators and experts he had to call upon in any field. When he faced a difficult topic, unlike on the radio, he was not alone on the air. He said his job as a decision maker was not to know everything; he just needed to know who to talk to for a trusted opinion. He said the level of professionalism and expertise in the Church was only available because of the increased involvement of the laity.

It meant when he made a decision, he did so with strong backing and advice, and that gave him confidence. “I have the job that Jesus never mentioned,” he said with a laugh. “I suspect that there

were some people preparing meals for Him, shopping for sandals, etc. – I think that there were people working beside him making sure that things are in place for Him to do His work. He worked as a team, not in isolation.”

Fr Peter said it was unfortunate how administration-heavy the modern day priesthood had become, not just in the archdiocesan agencies but in pastoral life too. He said the Church had waited too long to prepare for lay leadership and because of that, it would prove to be a major challenge for the future. “I never should say it’s too late, but what we’re relying on is a smaller group of people (the decreasing number of clergy) to prepare a larger group of people (the laity) for leadership,” he said.

He said the particular situation in Brisbane, where the archbishop was due for retirement and two auxiliary bishops had been called to other dioceses, had only made the need for lay leadership clearer and more urgent. He said the practice of taking priests out of their parish and deanery roles to fill positions in the hierarchy throughout Australia was not sustainable as priest numbers fell.

He saw a future for the Church where the laity formed the core of fulfilling certain administrative roles of the Church, freeing up the clergy “to do what they were ordained to do”. “I think that’s probably what Jesus might have had in mind (for the Church),” he said. “I was not actually called to be a compliance officer and the manager of an institution called the parish, but that is now a necessary component of leading a modern worshipping community.” He said it seemed that a lot of those roles could be undertaken by laity so the priests could pursue the calling of the ordained priesthood.

Fr Peter described himself as a communicator and expected if he was not a priest, he might have ended up as a teacher or a journalist. He said through 46 years of priesthood, he had admired looking out across the pews at the people who remained in their faith.

While he sympathised with those who left their faith after the revelations of the sexual abuse crisis, he said an equal number had fought for the identity of “our Church” and refused to give up. “I think everyone has been hurt and damaged by what’s taken place, I really just am so grateful for people who said yes, we understand that, but we also put it in perspective and trust (in faith).”

Fr Peter said maintaining his spiritual life had been a challenge as priestly responsibilities increased. He said he had always required discipline in his prayer life, but even more so when he took on more roles. He remembered from his time as dean on the Gold Coast how challenging it had been to find times for personal spiritual enrichment.

His joy as vicar general was the cathedral outside his office window. At any time of day, he said, he could wander into St Stephen’s and feel renewed.

NEWSLETTERS FROM OTHER CLUBS

If you would like to read any of these magazines, please contact our Secretary to ask her to forward you the e-copy of these newsletters briscathbushclub@yahoo.com.au

BBW – to read their January Newsletter, please click the link: [BBW January 2025 Newsletter](#) – or visit BBW website and go to *About Us*

Toowoomba Bushwalkers – *Footprint* January magazine

Queensland Walks – December Updates

Redlands Bushwalkers – *Ramble On*

Sunshine Coast Bushwalkers – *Trudge*



QUEENSLAND WALKS

We represent walking for all Queenslanders

<https://queenslandwalks.org.au/>

ABOUT MY STREET WALK HUB WALKING ALLIANCE PROJECTS LATEST

Queensland Walks is a community based organisation. We advocate for more walkable places so more Queenslanders choose to walk, roll or stroll. Our aim is to improve the conditions and profile of walking in Queensland, support and encourage government, organisations and agencies to improve policy and funding priorities to enhance walking. We are a community-based membership organisation and volunteer group set up to improve conditions for walking in Queensland. Through advocacy, education, campaigns or

coordinating local groups, we believe that by harnessing interest in walking we'll have a stronger voice and force to achieve change.

Organised by people who believe that walking can make a positive change to individuals and communities. Queensland Walks is the peak body for walking, providing a strong voice at the local council and state government level.

As an incorporated organisation, Queensland Walks' membership is open to individuals and organisations interested in promoting walking for all. We continue to promote walking for all ages, all abilities. Join Queensland Walks to advocate for better policy and planning to make Queensland neighbourhoods more walkable, more liveable for all everyone. Become a member today, so that Queensland Walks can continue this work: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/queenslandwalks/registration>

Who We Are

Queensland Walks is governed by a Board of community members who volunteer their time to provide strategic direction and advice to support Queensland Walks to achieve its goals. Our Board members reflect a diverse range of professional expertise and a strong commitment to achieving the Queensland Walks purpose.

Prioritising people who walk. Queensland's sustainable transport hierarchy prioritises walking, cycling, and public transport as the most environmentally friendly modes of travel. A quarter of Queenslanders do not hold a driving licence and many Queenslanders can't afford or chose not to drive. Walking is therefore an important part of a transport system that Queenslanders rely on.

Join a we WALK advocacy group: Bringing together like-minded individuals and organisations to advocate for more walkable and liveable communities. <https://queenslandwalks.org.au/wewalk/>

Book a tailored WALK shop: Bespoke walking workshops specifically developed for the needs of the organisation and region. <https://queenslandwalks.org.au/qwalk-shop/>

Complete a Walk My Street Check list: How walkable is your street? Follow these steps to do a 'walkability' check of your street, or where you walk. <https://queenslandwalks.org.au/walk-my-street/>

Queensland Walking Alliance

The Queensland Walking Alliance is a coalition of partner organisations and individuals. We commit to a healthier and more connected Queensland by encouraging and supporting better walking facilities and therefore more walking every day in Queensland.

- Represents 2 million Queenslanders through our 30+ organisation
- Brings together important stakeholders that relate and interact with walking in Queensland through quarterly meetings and presentations
- Aims to get more people walking everyday by providing a central voice for walking (urban, regional and rural) and walkability in Queensland
- The QWA's members commit to a healthier and more connected Queensland by advocating to all levels of government and practitioners by encouraging and supporting better walking facilities, better investment and more walking every day

The QWA commenced in May 2020 and will continue as a funded project until December 2025. Queensland Walks is grateful to the Queensland Government for funding this project as a part of the **Queensland Walking Strategy**.

Queensland Walking Alliance invites the following government departments and agencies who participate in the Alliance:

- Health and Wellbeing Queensland
- Queensland Health – Prevention Strategy Branch
- Department of Transport and Main Roads

[Contact Queensland Walks](#) if you are interested in contributing to, or participating in the Queensland Walking Alliance.

Membership – <https://queenslandwalks.org.au/membership/>

Queensland Walks is a community-based advocacy organisation that represents the interests of walkers of all ages and all abilities.

- We highlight the importance of a walk-friendly and walkable urban design in meetings and communications with local and state government representatives and departments, with engineers, planners and developers.
- We advocate on behalf of interest groups who are considered vulnerable road users (VRU's)
- We encourage and advocate for local walking advocacy in regional Queensland by connecting to community, to local organisations and government
- We support and promote 'active streets', 'space for health', 15-minute cities, green spaces, urban landscaping to improve walk and health active by design principles
- We host the Queensland Walking Alliance, bringing together stakeholders from a range of organisations to focus on significant priorities for walking in our community.
- We collaborate with walking programs, physical activity and health based organisations, as well as other active travel interest groups. (Walk Hub)

Your membership and support is important to assist in improving pedestrian facilities in Queensland and normalising walking as an everyday and enjoyable activity. There are many ways you can get involved Queensland Walks. Learn more about how you can get involved and take advantage of the opportunity to do some good. There are a variety of opportunities for members to participate in sub-committees and get involved in projects. We rely on members to assist with our advocacy and funding so if you would like to get involved, join now.

Become a friend – Become a friend or supporter of Queensland Walks – Sign-Up As A Friend

- participate in Queensland Walks Month and other events
- receive our latest news
- join discussions on our forum
- contribute stories to our website

Become a financial member – Become A Financial Member

Individual – \$20 ex GST

Corporate – \$100 ex GST

- all of the benefits of being a friend and supporter of Queensland Walks, plus
- participate and vote in formal meetings
- participate in networking events at a lowered or no cost
- Corporate members will be featured on our website.

BURLEIGH WALKING NETWORK PLAN SURVEY

The City of Gold Coast is drafting a Walking Network Plan (WNP) for Burleigh's hidden green spaces and natural areas, and we want to hear from you. This project aims to create safer, more accessible, and sustainable recreational trails that connects Burleigh's urban areas to its stunning natural spaces.

Consultation closes **11th February**.

Whether you're passionate about recreation, conservation, or community well-being, your insights will help us design a walking network that meets local needs and priorities.

We encourage you to:

Complete our online survey at gchaveyoursay.com.au/burleigh-wnp before 11th Feb for a chance to win a \$250 eftpos gift voucher.

Use our interactive map to share specific comments on key locations or missing connections. <https://gchaveyoursay.com.au/98121/widgets/454477/documents/301555>

Help spread the word and share this opportunity to provide feedback throughout your channels.

Thank you for your support in shaping the future of Burleigh's natural areas.

Warm regards,

Alysha Rowley,

Engagement Officer, External Stakeholder Engagement; Service Gold Coast cityofgoldcoast.com.au

**DIVE-BOMBING MAGPIES:
Bird Expert Weighs In
UQ Mythbusters – By Britt Wilkins**

<https://stories.uq.edu.au/contact-magazine/uq-mythbusters-bird-expert-weighs-in-on-swoop-season-tactics/index.html> and <https://alumni.uq.edu.au/contact-magazine>

Most of us have either experienced or witnessed an aggressive swoop from a nesting bird. It can be traumatising – especially as you often don't see or hear the attack coming. It's understandable, then, that we resort to desperate measures to protect ourselves, and often swap advice on what works best – from attaching zip ties to bike helmets to leaving out snacks to appease our feathered foes.

So, which tactics really work and which just make the problem worse? What should we do to stay safe when we're under aerial avian attack, and what can we do to avoid getting swooped altogether?

We asked Professor Bob Doneley BVSc FANZCVS, a UQ expert in avian medicine and lifelong bird enthusiast, to set the record straight for the latest edition of *UQ Mythbusters*.

His advice may ruffle some feathers!

Swoop season lasts from about late–August to late–November.

Research has shown that magpies can recognise at least 100 different people.

Don't wave a stick or other object for defence – this just aggravates the bird.

Holding a hat, umbrella, flag or other object above your head can protect you and deflect an attack.

Keep your eyes on the bird – it is less likely to swoop if you're looking directly at it.

Swooping birds aren't just being vicious, they're protecting their young.

Which species of bird can swoop?

It's certainly not just magpies that will swoop you! Noisy miners (the Australian grey native honeyeater) will give you a good go, as will pied butcherbirds and banded lapwings (often called plovers).

Why do birds swoop?

Birds will swoop to catch or pick up a food item, such as a Tawny Frogmouth catching insects in-flight. But that's not the swooping Australians are nervous about. The swooping we want to talk about is the often-ferocious defence of a nesting site, eggs or babies that's displayed by several species in Australian suburbia.

Are there any myths or misconceptions around bird swooping that you're keen to put to bed?

1. Birds are vicious: Swooping is not vicious behaviour, it's simply normal behaviour during breeding season – albeit inappropriate behaviour in suburbia.
2. Birds like the taste of blood: They probably do, but not necessarily yours. They're not swooping you to obtain food – you're too big to eat!
3. You should carry a stick or umbrella to wave at, or hit, swooping birds: If anything, this is likely to antagonise them and escalate their attention and interest in you – after all, you just confirmed to them that you're a predator.
4. Wearing ornaments such as cable ties on bike helmets, or an ice cream container with a face painted on it, will deter attacks: Nope, they don't. But wearing a shaggy wig on your bike helmet, according to one trial, often results in the bird ignoring you.

What can we all do to avoid being swooped in the first place?

Research has shown that magpies can recognise at least 100 different people and may be less likely to swoop individuals they have befriended. This is why it's usually people passing through a park that get swooped, while the local residents live in peaceful co-existence with their feathered friends.

Don't feed magpies or offer them water, as this will attract them to breed in your yard or nearby. While you will probably be safe, your visitors or passers-by may not be so lucky.

Magpies are notoriously the major culprits. What do you want people to know about that species?

The magpie is an iconic Australian songbird that can sing melodic tunes for up to 70 minutes at a time. They can also mimic other animals – including people! Magpies are not related to crows, currawongs, or magpie larks (pee wees); their closest relative seems to be the butcher bird.

Magpies are not ready to breed until they are 3–5 years old. They lay their eggs in a bowl-shaped nest made of sticks and lined with softer material such as grass and bark, generally high up in a tree fork,

and often in an exposed position. The nests are built exclusively by females. They lay a clutch of 2–5 eggs, which hatch in 20 days. The chicks leave the nest a few weeks later and can feed themselves by the time they reach 6 months. The hen feeds the chicks while the male feeds her and protects the nest.

As with other native animals, the magpie is a protected species in most Australian states. The penalty for killing or harming a magpie can include a \$10,000 fine plus a term of imprisonment.

If you know where a nest is, avoid the immediate area – a 50-metre radius should be enough. Ask the council to place warning signs nearby. Removing the nest is of little benefit, as the birds will simply build another. Occasionally, the council will have to re-locate particularly aggressive birds. But, unless the bird is released more than 25 kilometres away, it will probably find its way back.

What should we do when we get swooped? What's the best way to stay safe?

Walk in groups – larger numbers of people may deter the bird from swooping.

Wear a broad brimmed hat to prevent the bird scratching or biting at your face and neck. Also wear sunglasses for eye protection.

As the magpie prefers to swoop at the highest object, *attaching a flag on a long pole* to your bike or holding an open umbrella may focus the bird's attention well above you. Dismounting from your bike and pushing it will lower your head and make it a less obvious target.

If you are being swooped, ***walk quickly – don't run*** away from the bird. Keep your eyes on the bird as it's less likely to swoop if you're looking directly at it.

What should we NOT do?

Don't run away, scream, or wave your arms or sticks in the air – that may invite another attack.

Never pick up a young magpie until you are sure it needs help, & the parents are nowhere to be seen.

Don't attack the birds or try to destroy their nest – this will escalate their behaviour.

Don't allow small children to play in the park unsupervised during spring breeding-season months.

Read all the articles in the *UQ Mythbusters* series

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

OUTINGS

- (a) Always read the Jilalan article to check the departure point, date and time.
- (b) Walk departures are usually from St Brigid's carpark, 78 Musgrave Rd, Red Hill. Check Jilalan to determine the meet-up location, to be sure.
- (c) The Club will usually organise transport for each outing, but you must nominate in advance to the leader. Contacting someone else may lead to your nomination becoming "lost." Nominations should preferably be made by the Wednesday night prior to the activity so that transport etc. can be arranged. Note that nominations for some walks may close well in advance of this. Late nominations may not be accepted.
- (d) Walkers are responsible for their own transport to and from the departure point.
- (e) Walks are rarely cancelled. If they are, all nominees will be notified. Do not presume that outings are cancelled – e.g., because of bad weather.
- (f) Should you change your mind and decide not to come to a Club event, please notify the leader as soon as possible.
- (g) If you are running late for the departure point, ring the leader if the leader shows a mobile phone number. If not, ring Emergency Officer.

All visitors must sign an Assumption of Risk form for insurance purposes.

VISITORS – for general enquiries contact Greg on Ph: 0418 122 995.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of February, May, August and November, at 7:30pm. The location is Fr Denis Power Building (part of the former Sacred Heart School, 347 Given Terrace, Paddington. (Rosalie) – actually 339 Given Terrace.

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/@-27.4623287,153.0006302,450m/data=!3m1!1e3!5m1!1e4?hl=en&entry=ttu>

Parking: Either in Given Terrace, OR down behind the Centre in the school's old playground off Central Ave – enter Central Ave from Ewart Street.

VISITORS are always welcome.

EMERGENCY OFFICER: If you have not returned from an outing by 9:00pm, your family may ring the Emergency Officer (or "Emerg Off" or EO) for that outing – but please, they are not to panic. If the Emergency Officer is not mentioned, ring either the President or Vice President. IF any action is to occur, the Club will arrange it. <https://fmrqld.bwq.org.au/bushwalkers-overdue/>

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT: The Club requires that all walkers on all trips should carry certain minimal basic equipment.

This should comprise the following: Emergency Contact & Medical Information form, a first-aid kit, a torch, a parka/raincoat, hat, shirt, 50+ sunscreen and at least 2 litres of water.

Leaders may require that walkers carry other equipment. Advice of this will be given in Jilalan and/or by the leader.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The Club financial year is January to December.

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Pro-rata amounts apply to new members if you join during the year

WARNING: All persons, adult or child, member or visitor, undertakes all activities of the Club at their own risk.

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Articles only to: bcbcjilalan@gmail.com

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The Club has arranged an insurance policy through Bushwalking Australia, our bushwalking peak body. It is a group policy covering us on our activities.

<https://bushwalkingaustralia.org/insurance/insurance-overview/>

Combined General and Product Liability – includes \$20,000,000 public liability, and \$5,000,000 for club assets.

Personal Accident – All activities associated with bushwalking; covers out of pocket expenses and compensation for injuries leading to loss of limbs and organs, and loss of earnings.

Association Liability – cover for the administration of the club.

PHOTOS FROM TASMANIA JANUARY 2025 ACCOMMODATED WALK



Day #1 – Our New House. Dinner cooked by Khaleel



Day #2 – View from Cape Queen Elizabeth. The Moring's Walk was 14km

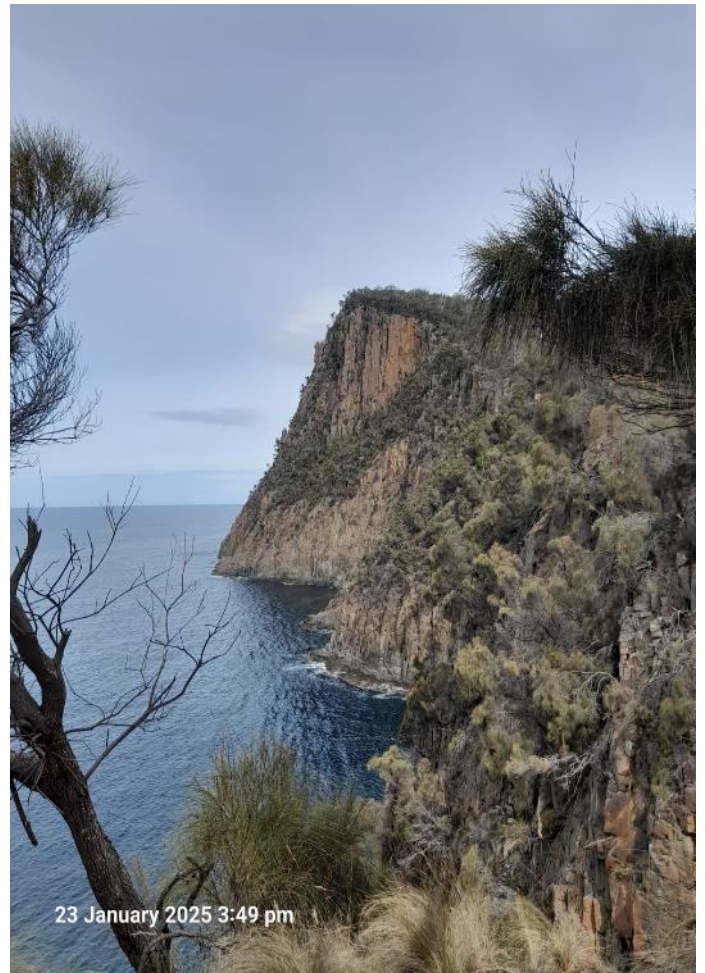


Cape Queen Elizabeth Track under the Rock Arch



23 January 2025 11:18 am

Day #2 – Morning Walk – With Khaleel & Will
doing a spot of scrambling to get around the Cliff



23 January 2025 3:49 pm

Day #2 – Afternoon - Fluted Cape



From The Top of Fluted Cape



On Top of Fluted Cape



Day #2 – Happy Walkers



Day #4 – Crossing the Boulder Field to get to the Top of Mt Field East



On top of Seagers Lookout



Morning Tea at the Base of Mt Field Peak



Day #4 – The Summit of Mt Field East with Debra, Anne-Marie and Will



Day #5 – On the Summit of Mt Wedge with Lake Pedder in the Background – A Hard Walk



On Top of Mt Wedge



Day #5 – The Trig Station on Mt Wedge – we had great weather



Day #8 – Mara Island

MARSUPIAL OF THE YEAR

<https://marsupialoftheyear.com.au/>

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MEET THE MARSUPIALS



GREATER GLIDER – in some trouble



QUOKKA – in serious trouble



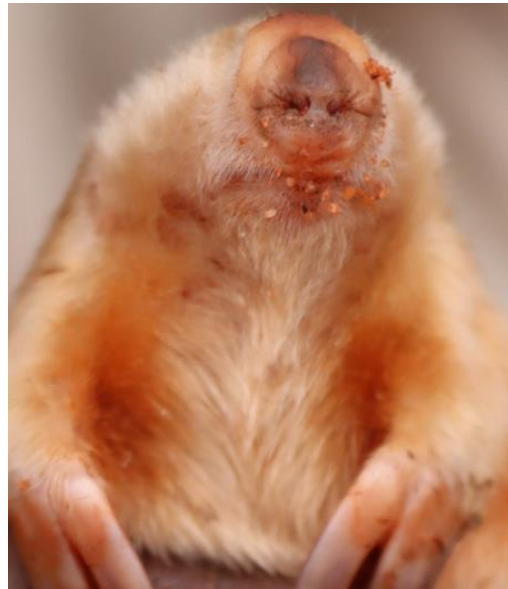
KOALA – in serious trouble



NTHN HAIRY-NOSED WOMBAT – in serious trouble



NUMBAT (WALPURTİ) – *in serious trouble*



MARSUPIAL MOLE – *doing ok*



YELLOW-FOOTED ROCK WALLABY – *in serious trouble*



TASMANIAN DEVIL – *in serious trouble*



KOWARI – *in serious trouble*



MOUNTAIN PYGMY-POSSUM – *in serious trouble*

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